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Nationwide harassment cases felt at SIUC

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

Peter Gitau says harassment, whether in person or through the Internet, is a crime and students cannot ignore it.

"If it's a crime, it's a crime. It is as simple as that," said Gitau, vice chancellor for student affairs. "It is a federal crime and we cover it in our student handbook as well. There will be penalties from the government as well as at the university level."

The U.S. Department of Education released a "Dear Colleagues" letter Tuesday to more than 1,000 school systems and universities across the nation urging them to enforce both federal and their own rules to prevent harassment. The 10 page letter was written after a yearlong review of federal, state and university law regarding bullying and harassment of students of all races and gender. Arne Duncan, U.S. secretary of education, said in a national conference call Monday the recent high-profile cases of harassment across the country created a sense of urgency to release the letter.

"We think in this country, bullying should not exist," Duncan said. "A school must address bullying no matter the basis of the bullying or harassment."

According to the SIUC student conduct code, harassment consists



Peter Gitau, vice chancellor for student affairs, said cyber bullying is like any other form of harassment and should be reported to authorities. The U.S. Department of Education sent

of "knowing conduct that is not necessary to accomplish a legitimate purpose, would cause a reasonable person emotional distress, and does cause another person distress. It results from intentional acts that cause someone to be worried, anxious or

uncomfortable and need not involve any overt act of violence."

Students found to have a part in harassment may face academic suspension or even expulsion, according to the code.

Gitau said the university has

a letter titled "Dear Colleagues" to more than 1,000 schools and colleges Tuesday urging them to enforce their responsibilities to prevent harassment.

monitored how other universities have handled serious cases of harassment, including the high-profile case of Tyler Clementi.

Clementi, an 18-year-old from Rutgers University, jumped off the George Washington Bridge in Sep-

tember in an apparent suicide after a video appeared on the Internet showing him engaging in an intimate encounter.

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Body art potential cause of unemployment

SARAH SCHNEIDER
Daily Egyptian

Students don't always understand the impact body art has on their employability and marketability, says Cynthia Jenkins, interim director of career services at SIUC.

"I think that tattoos are more symbolic of your own personal message you want to send out there," she said. "(Students) aren't necessarily thinking on a professional level and how it is going to impact or negatively effect their career moving forward."

The Wellness Center hosted a workshop Wednesday, which focused on safe tattooing and thinking about a future career before students decide to get "inked."

Michelle McLernon, outreach coordinator for the Wellness Center and speaker at the workshop, said there is a difference between past and present job hunting and having body art.

"In an article I read, it said as time has gone on, piercings and tattoos

have become more accepted in our society," she said. "You don't have to hide it nearly as much as you used to, but you also don't want to flaunt it."

Darren King, a tattoo artist for 11 years and full-time artist at Karma Tattoos and Piercings in Carbondale, also said tattoos are becoming more accepted both in society and in the workplace.

"I think some employers definitely notice (tattoos), but not as much as they used to," he said.

McLernon said the main careers tattoos would need to be concealed for are ones that deal with the public and people, not so much the ones that require being in a lab or in front of a computer.

She said students tend to get tattoos to rebel and to reflect their individuality, but at such a young age while still developing, they may not fully understand that visible tattoos could lessen their chance of getting a job.

Aaron Morehead, a graduate student in social work from Carbondale, said when he was 21 he got his



first and only tattoo, specifically high up enough on his arm so it could be easily covered.

"Placement was huge for me," he said. "I saw people with armbands lower down and knew that would be a pain to cover."

Too many piercings and tattoos could be distracting and hurt students' chances of doing well in the interview, McLernon said.

"If the person interviewing you is

having trouble focusing on you, your resume and your skills because they are too busy looking at your adornments, that would not be at all helpful in getting a job," she said.

But it's a different situation for Abby Bierk.

Bierk, a senior from St. Louis studying art, and a tattoo artist of three years at Artistic Mind Tattoos, said she hopes to make tattooing her lifelong career. And having tattoos

helps in her industry.

However, Bierk said most artists tend to get burnt out on tattooing and she might want to take a break to work in the makeup industry.

If she does switch to another career field, she doesn't think her 12 tattoos will hinder her chances of getting a job.

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Abby Bierk, a tattoo artist from St. Louis, touches up a tattoo on the leg of Ryan Rumsey, a senior from Pope County studying printmaking, while he draws sketches for printmaking class Wednesday at Artistic Mind Tattoos in Carbondale. Many employers require that their employees cover up visible tattoos while on the job.
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Forum reveals mixed feelings to digital switch

LAUREN LEONE
Daily Egyptian

David Carlson says his goal is not for Morris Library to digitally preserve print collections in the immediate future, but to move forward.

Carlson, dean of library affairs, and representatives from Ithaka, a company that assists the academic community to digitally preserve scholarly records, met Wednesday with roughly 30 faculty and staff at an open forum in John C. Guyon Auditorium to discuss digital technologies in university libraries.

JSTOR, a not-for-profit service that helps academic institutions digitally store

print collections, and Ithaka Strategy and Research, which provides strategic consulting services for academic institutions about the challenges and benefits of the digital environment, are both branches of Ithaka.

Ross Housewright, research analyst for Ithaka S+R, said a 2009 survey conducted by the group, which polled roughly 35 faculty members from four-year universities across the nation at random, shows a slight increase in faculty members' comfort level with moving entirely from print to digital collections.

Ryan Netzel, assistant professor of English, said he is concerned the information Ithaka presented was "self-serving" and based on statistics provided by

the company.

He said he questions the validity and necessity of handing ownership of the university's print collections over to Ithaka.

"This is a decision that has not been adequately thought through," he said.

Spinella said JSTOR is neutral as to whether or SIUC should switch from print to digital.

"Our position is not there should be digital and there should not be print," he said. "Digital resources have a certain value and print resources have some different values. In most cases, you probably want both."

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BULLY

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"Any time you see something happen like the case at Rutgers ... you look at your own policies and ask yourself, 'If that had happened at SIUC, what would we be doing?'" Gitau said. "We don't always want to be reactive. We hope most of what we do is proactive. There is likely a buildup to something like a suicide, and if we're proactive, maybe we could stop it."

Gitau said the university has a policy in place in the student conduct code that covers harassment. He said though it was last updated in 2008, it covers both in-person harassment and harassment over social networks like Facebook and Twitter.

"There used to be a time where people would say, 'Well, all of that is private conversations going on,'" he said. "You

put something on Facebook or you harass and call someone a name and people would cringe if you attempted to deal with that. But now, with the advancement of technology, we can find out about this, and many universities have policies in place to handle this."

Any student who feels they are being bullied or harassed in any way should contact either their resident advisers, student affairs, judicial affairs or the Department of Public Safety, Gitau said. He said students should also seek counseling to help overcome emotions resulting from harassment.

Jean Cunningham, chief psychologist at the Counseling Center, said although she could not recall any student coming to the Counseling Center as a result of bullying, she had heard of students who took issue with online posts.

"People may post things that are upsetting or things that they will find

insulting about themselves, and that is what can cause someone to become so upset," she said. "What's difficult for students is when people post angry or critical things about them, it is so public that they feel very exposed, and there is no easy way to counter or answer that."

Cunningham said students who are attacked online should step away from the social network, otherwise they may continue to dwell on the situation. Dwelling can only depress a person more, Cunningham said.

"Staying off those sites is really the best advice I can give to anyone," she said.

Gitau said with all the resources on campus, students should not have to suffer abuse.

"There really is no reason for people to be suffering because there are so many people here who will help you," he said.

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"Right now I only have half a sleeve and the rest can be easily covered up," she said.

Bierk said she has noticed a trend: how much students who get tattoos care about being able to cover them up depends on their major.

"Artists like myself really don't care because they think they are going to be

artists the rest of their life," she said. "I get clients who are business or education majors and they really know they have to cover them up in order to ever get a job, so they get them somewhere not visible."

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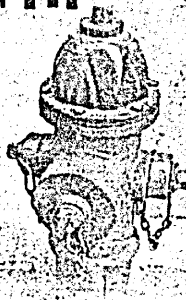
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The Associated Press

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ComEd spokesman Bennie Currie said Wednesday's renewed windstorms left 49,800 customers without power systemwide. Currie said 16,300 of

Repair crews had little rest as they worked to restore power to thousands of northern Illinois customers left without electricity as high winds resumed for a second day.

those customers were in Chicago and its immediate western suburbs, 13,300 were south of the city, 12,300 were in the northern region, and 7,800 in the west.

Currie said the utility had nearly 390 emergency crews in the field Wednesday — the same

number as Tuesday night, when power was restored to most of the 200,000 customers left in the dark by the first round of windstorms.

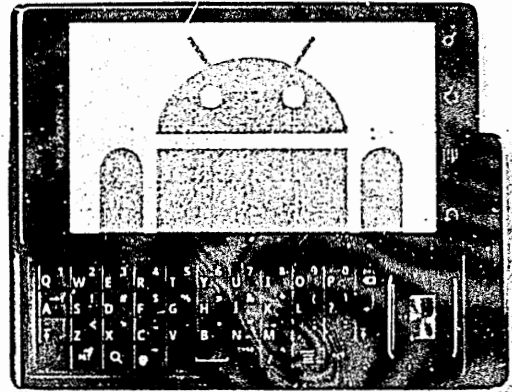
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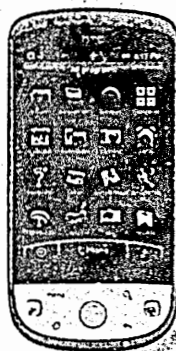
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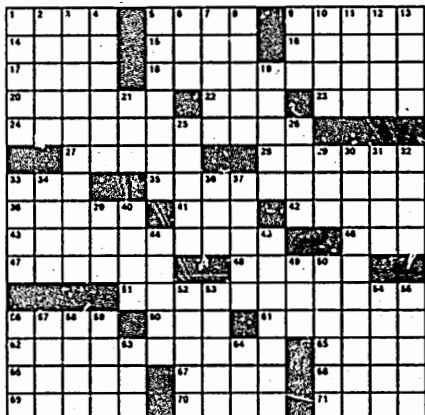
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 - 24 Finish an ascent?
 - 27 Buying outing
 - 28 Comes and prisms
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 - 35 Tidy up in a wood shop?
 - 38 Grads
 - 41 Sandwich request
 - 42 Untrusting
 - 43 Floor an oppressive boss?
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 - 47 It's often served with lemon
 - 48 It can be rolled, pressed or stuffed
 - 51 Value one's vision?
 - 56 Warrior trained by the contour
 - 60 It merged with AT&T in 2005
 - 61 Be amazed (all)
 - 62 Send a star pitcher for an MRI?
 - 65 Like pretzels
 - 66 D.C.
 - 67 "Rigoletto" highlight
 - 68 Concerning
 - 69 Dust crops, e.g.
 - 70 Certain NCO
 - 71 A library book may be on it



By Jascha Smilack

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 - 13 Great American Ball Park team
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 - 34 Juice: Abbr.
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- 40 Stride
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- 49 Doo-wop syllable
- 50 Like some supplements
- 52 Building girder
- 53 Many Nissan autos
- 54 Busybody
- 55 John with Grammys
- 56 Green dispensers
- 57 Wrangler, for one
- 58 Copernicus's sci.
- 59 Bonus, in adpeak
- 63 Poko, e.g.
- 64 One might be bummed, briefly

Horoscopes

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

Today's birthday — Broaden your personal mission in life this year. To achieve this, deepen your spiritual connections. First develop a contemplative practice that relaxes your mind. Then acknowledge insights that come to you in that peaceful state.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — While sitting in a meeting, your mind's ponders the dinner menu. Ask someone to pick up key ingredients on the way home, and get back to the issue at hand.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Your partner brings a fresh sense of purpose to a difficult situation. Listen to the logic. It overcomes any fears concerning the future.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — To maintain emotional flow, first you have to get practical projects moving. Adjust your direction after that. Use the strengths of co-workers.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — You prefer a smooth course over high drama today. Others challenge your emotional base. Remove feelings from your argument by taking time to breathe.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — Take time for yourself first thing in the morning. A good breakfast is key. Then go meditate, exercise or get out in nature. Tackle today's business.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 9 — Take the group to a restaurant that serves a variety of cuisines. Be sure to satisfy the youngest person's palate. Then everyone's happy.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 5 — You feel like you've been put on the spot by a sibling or friend. Work it out by using your imagination and intelligence. Humor helps.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 5 — Your mind may be on food all day. You want to sample several cuisines. This may make dinner preparations complex. You could always eat out.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Your recipe for today includes extra rations of compassion. Others feel the bittersweet taste of the moment as you celebrate the past.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — Devote maximum attention to your favorite person's desire-of-the-moment. It could be great fun to discover how to accomplish the improbable.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — Spend time today providing for the needs of others. Nurturing includes food and emotional support. One person goes home early. It's okay.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — If you split your attention now, you seem to get a lot more done. However, part of what you do will need to be redone. Do one thing at a time.

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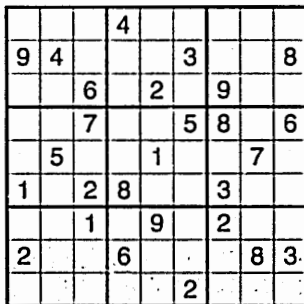
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Is the NCAA National Championship selection flawed? It seems Bowl Championship Series computers rank teams in BCS conferences based on talent level instead of the good teams they've defeated. Should BCS computer rankings be eliminated in favor of human rankings such as the coaches poll or will that also show biases in favor of the major conference too?



It's virtually impossible for teams such as TCU, Boise or even Houston out of Conference-USA to make the national championship because the bottom teams are awful and the top teams aren't as well known as traditional powerhouse schools such as Ohio State or Florida. The human element helps a little but not much.

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Human rankings, huh? I think we all know who to blame for this: Barack Obama. Trying to give EVERY D-1 school a chance at the BCS Championship? That's socialism.

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I'm in complete agreement with Nick on this one. Who are these communists thinking that people should be given fair opportunity to compete in the championship? If you love America, then you love the BCS. It's capitalism at its finest. If you don't like it, get out of my country. USA! USA! USA!

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FAITH

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"I've seen the importance of being on the same page in a family, in a church, it's the same on a team. You have to get to where you understand each other and have a mutual respect for each other as you grow together," Cherry said.

Cherry said he has friends who attend different churches but still connects with them through their shared faith and yearning to grow closer to God.

He said he comes from a Christian family but as he matured he molded his own beliefs with some influence from his parents.

"I personally believe that faith impacts every area of my life, including how I present myself and how I act," Cherry said.

Faith, whether it is Islam, Christianity or Judaism is more heavily practiced in Eastern countries, Badrawi said. In Egypt, his home country, religious practice was not extremely strict but thousands of people could be seen praying together during Friday night prayers, he said.

"Practicing religion becomes a part of my personality. It's like a rule we follow. I'm trying to follow it to achieve my goals," Badrawi said.

Badrawi said he does not feel compelled to spread the word of Allah because his faith is a personal bond with himself and Allah.

"My religion is just a relation between me and my god. I don't have to (share) with other people. It's a good thing, but I don't have to do that," Badrawi said.

Cherry volunteers at a faith leader at Victory Dream Center and also works

on marketing projects part-time for its Christian center.

"I do it mainly because it's a place I enjoy working. I really like to see people in the community, students, young people, middle-aged and older experience what God has for them," Cherry said.

Cherry's brother Nathan Cherry, an assistant pastor at VDC and boy's basketball coach at Trinity Christian High School, said he helps his players develop for life after high school with emphases on faith and scripture.

Nathan Cherry, who played basketball at Trinity Christian from 1999-2003 while his brother Lucas Cherry played basketball and ran track for Carbondale Community High School, said a Christian environment encourages students to have a different view of athletics.

"It's more of a character development instead of just competition and winning.

We like to instill different qualities such as truthfulness, integrity, what it means to be a real man," Cherry said. "How you carry yourself on the basketball court is how you're going to carry yourself through life."

He said attending a Christian school doesn't necessarily mean students won't fall into drugs, alcohol or promiscuity, but, with faith and lessons about being a leader who rises above the influence, his players are more likely to avoid involvement in negative activities.

Badrawi said he tries to follow his faith to stay on track with his studies and swimming.

"My faith in our religion wants us to be successful as students and in our rank in life," Badrawi said. "Right now my profession is being a swimmer and a student."

Peter Gitau, vice chancellor for student affairs, said students who

struggle mentally or physically can find solace and strength in faith, no matter what it may be.

Lucas Cherry said he helps people who enter into VDC off the street work through their issues and get their life back on track. He doesn't help because he feels obligated to but because he genuinely wants to give back to others in need, he said.

Gitau, who attends Christ Community Church in Marion, said faith is about hope.

Gitau takes faculty, staff and community members to Kenya each year to help feed and clothe the people, he said.

"I want to be remembered for making a change in people," Gitau said.

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"This year, we've got the new arena; everything is brand new. ... We can't come out and let the fans down," Bocot said.

The new players on the team have all caught Bocot's eye and bring something different to the team, he said. He said he trusts the guys on the team to play hard and be in the right place when needed on defense.

"The system is hard. It took me awhile to learn," Bocot said. "To see how quick the guys pick up on things, it puts a smile on my face."

66 *This year, we've got the new arena; everything is brand new. ... We can't come out and let the fans down.*

— Justin Bocot
senior guard

The Salukis will host the Quincy Hawks at 7:05 p.m. Saturday at the arena.

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MEDIA DAY

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"The wins just didn't have any weight to them because they weren't BCS schools," Jacobson said.

Bradley coach Jim Les said the strength of the conference and the quality of centers and forwards in the league is a product of MVC coaches. Many players come into the league's programs overlooked by the bigger schools and have developed skills, grown and learned how to play Division I basketball for three, four or even five years, Les said.

"This is a chance to propel the league," Les said. "Talk about the

teams who have made the Sweet 16, it's always been that big guy who is the difference maker."

In the preseason rankings, SIU was ranked ninth, ahead of only Evansville. Wichita State University is at the top, Missouri State University is second and UNI, who ended last season ranked No. 13 in the country, came in at third. Missouri State coach Cuonzo Martin said his team is honored to be second but is more worried about winning games.

"I think the key is going through as a coaching staff and bracing our guys for what is expected and what is about to happen," Martin said.

Fans of MVC basketball will have

more opportunities to watch their favorite teams as Commissioner Doug Elgin announced 56 games will be on national TV this season in his Media Day address. Thirty-six games will be on different Fox Sports affiliates and 20 will be on ESPN affiliates, including the SIU-Northeastern game Nov. 16 on ESPN. Contracts between the MVC and both companies end after this season and discussions for new agreements will begin later in 2010, Elgin said.

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ATHLETICS

Athletes find strength in faith

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As he battled asthma and a series of health issues in 2009, sophomore cross country runner Lucas Cherry said he found strength in his faith.

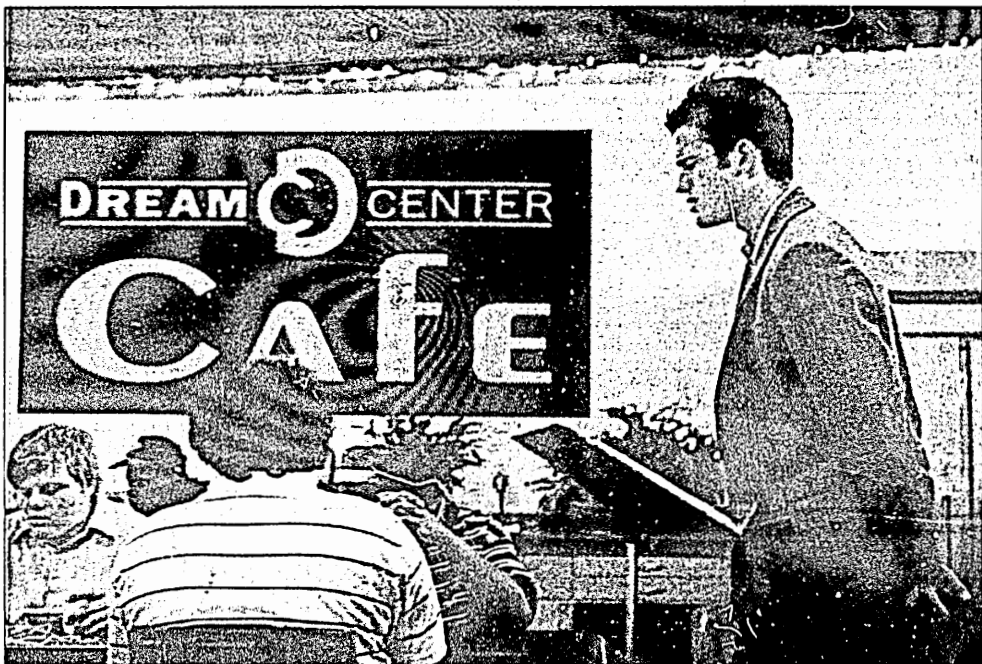
"During those tough times when I wasn't running well, I was feeling sick everyday. That's when I had to find my strength from the Bible and my faith," Cherry said. "The key aspect of my strength comes from Jesus. It's not based off of how well I run a race, how well I do on a test or in a class."

Junior freestyle swimmer El Badrawi said during conference championships in 2009 he had difficulty competing and contemplated wishing for a miracle to help him get through his events.

"Miracles don't happen for people who are lazy," Badrawi said.

Badrawi, who practices Islam, said he turns to Allah to help him through difficult races and strenuous classes but also knows Allah helps those who show effort.

Cherry said he's seen the importance of faith not only as an athlete who competes for himself, but for the cohesiveness of the team as well.



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Lucas Cherry prays Sunday before leading Sunday School Oct. 10 at Victory Dream Center on East College Street. Faith plays an important role in the lives of many college athletes.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

More bids for Missouri Valley at Media Day

BRANDON LACHANCE
Daily Egyptian

The highlights of the Missouri Valley Conference Media Day on Tuesday included the MVC getting more bids in the NCAA tournament and transitioning to a more center and forward dominant conference.

A conference once guard-dominated has swung to the league

of the big men, as last season's Player of the Year was 6-foot-8-inch Northern Iowa forward Adam Koch and this season's preseason Player of the Year is 6-foot-9-inch Creighton center Kenny Lawson Jr. The MVC has had one automatic bid in the tournament since 1994 and only one conference team has reached the tournament in the last three seasons.

Many of the coaches used UNI's victory over No. 1-ranked University of Kansas and its trip to the Sweet 16 as a meter of the conference's strength.

The talent in the conference deserves more bids, Indiana State coach Greg Lansing said. With UNI's success and the accomplishments of other earlier teams, the conference should be more respected, he said.

"I think UNI went in and beat the best team in the country last year and led them from start to finish, so I think it speaks very highly of our league," Lansing said.

UNI coach Ben Jacobson said the key to more bids is to schedule more non-conference games against schools in the bigger conferences or the MVC will continue to have one team in the tournament. He said

before the team got the automatic bid there were talks in the beginning of March of UNI not making the tournament, even with victories over Siena and Old Dominion. Both teams made it to the tournament, and the latter beat Notre Dame in the first round.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Southern Illinois to use exhibition as critique

BRANDON LACHANCE
Daily Egyptian

The Salukis will use an exhibition game Saturday against Division II Quincy University to help develop the rotation and give the coaches a chance to see where they can play guys, coach Chris Lowery said Tuesday at Missouri Valley Conference Media Day.

Lowery said exhibition games

are great because the Salukis will see different styles of play while competing against teams that want to beat them.

"We know they're trying to win a national championship and a conference championship, so the game means something to them," Lowery said. "It's not just that they're going to show up, get a check and go home. We know they're going to be competitive and try to beat us."

The Salukis will host Quincy in the newly-renovated arena, which will have its grand opening today. Quincy was the first opponent for SIU football at Saluki Stadium and will now be the first to play at the arena. SIU athletic director Mario Moccia said it wasn't planned for Quincy to be the first opponent at the new facilities, but it worked out that way because Quincy is one of the few

Division II teams in Illinois.

SIU tries to keep money in-state, Moccia said. He said SIU paid Quincy \$8,000 to play at the new arena.

SIU athletics would rather have the men's basketball program play Division II teams than traveling national teams because they're better competition and are organized, Moccia said.

SIU basketball has five new faces

and a refreshed emphasis on defense instead of offense, Lowery said. He said the Salukis will start the new process against Quincy.

Senior guard Justin Bocot said another focus of the team is winning, which also starts against Quincy.

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